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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

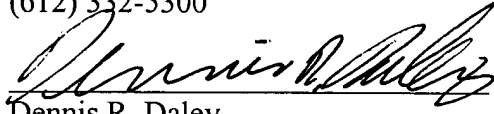
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	3,512,665	05/19/1970	W. J. WESTENDORF				
	4,085,856	04/25/1978	WESTENDORF				
	4,787,811	11/29/1988	LANGENFELD ET AL.				
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	5,106,253	04/1992	WEDIN				
	5,850,975	12/22/1998	BAUER				
	5,984,606	11/1999	MEEKS				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		ALO Catalogue, "Bale Implements," ALO North America Inc., pg. 31, and last page (2001).					
		BROCHURE, THE LOADER SPECIALIST, WL SERIES					
		SP-43 BALE LIFT OPERATOR'S MANUAL					
		MDS MANUFACTURING CO., INC., ATTACHMENT SPECIALISTS					



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